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TOLD HIM THIS, SAYS SON***Philby a Double Agent for 30 Years***

LONDON, Oct. 2, (UPI) — The son of Harold "Kim" Philby, the British spy who defected to Moscow in 1963, said yesterday his father "worked for the Russians for 30 years." Philby once was Britain's chief liaison man in Washington with the CIA.

Philby's son John, 24, told a British Broadcasting Corporation commentary he met his 55-year-old father in Moscow two weeks ago. "I have come home," he quoted his father as saying.

Philby's career as a double agent and the circumstances of his discovery and flight have remained subject to speculation and controversy in England, but two London newspapers yesterday pieced together an account of his activities over three decades that read like an incredible spy novel.

Philby was so successful, by these accounts, that at one time he was chief of Britain's anti-Soviet section and came close to being named head of the entire British counter intelligence network, MI-6, before his luck ran out.

Philby graduated from Cambridge University in 1933. One year later he began a long career with Soviet intelligence by becoming a courier. He soon graduated to higher level Soviet intelligence work.

During the late 1930s, Philby masqueraded as a pro-Nazi journalist and reported from the



KIM PHILBY

Franco side of the Spanish Civil War.

When World War II broke out, Philby's old school friends recruited him into British intelligence and his career rose rapidly. By the end of 1944 he headed a new counter-espionage department directed against the Soviet Union.

In 1947, Philby was named Chief of British Intelligence in Turkey and two years later he headed the Washington staff.

Philby's closest brush with discovery came in 1951 when he tipped off two Soviet spies that their activities had been uncovered. British atomic spy Donald Maclean and agent Guy Burgess were able to flee to the Soviet Union because of Philby's warning.

Philby immediately came under suspicion from his American

colleagues and he was dropped from the Washington assignment.

Slowly, however, Philby worked his way back into British confidence. He was sent to Beirut as a correspondent for the British newspaper the Observer, one of the two which printed an article on his activities Sunday.

The observer said it had been told Philby was no longer in the spy business. But he was also in Beirut as a British counterespionage agent.

In 1955, former British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan told the House of Commons that Philby was not the "third man" who tipped off Burgess and Maclean four years earlier.

Philby continued his double-agent activities until 1961, when a Soviet defector made allegations about his double-agent background and long history with the Soviet spy system. Philby, still working as a correspondent in Beirut, fled to Moscow in 1963 when informed that a case was being compiled against him.

Philby's son said his father now was working for a Russian news agency on far eastern affairs.

"I should think he is far less lonely now," the younger Philby said. "He is at last able to live completely openly. He is a communist and it is a communist country and way of life." Philby was granted Soviet citizenship.